

CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPDATES FOR CITIZENS

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021



Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) MEETING UPDATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.

You can watch board meetings live on the <u>Meetings on Demand</u> page or on Comcast Channel 6/1070 HD.

Feb. 2 meeting: Watch Video or Read the Minutes

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COMISSIONERS' REPORT Weekly headline news podcast



February is Black History Month, a celebration of the significant contributions African Americans have made for our country. The theme of Black History Month 2021 is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity," chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

We encourage you to take some time to learn about and reflect on the rich history, heritage and contributions of Black Americans. Calvert Library is offering several virtual events to honor African American history, including a concert of family-friendly music, documentary viewings, a celebration of Black authors and book suggestions for all ages. For more information on these upcoming events, click on the link below.

Calvert Library Event Calendar



Vaccination Update from Dr. Polksy



The BOCC received a COVID-19 update from Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky during their Feb. 2 meeting.

Dr. Polsky, who directs the local health department as an agent of Maryland State Government, provided updates to the BOCC on testing, positivity rates and vaccination efforts in Calvert County.

Watch the full presentation and discussion.

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE VACCINE ONLINE

Calvert County residents age 18 and older who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccination may pre-register online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Vaccine.

PRE-REGISTER OVER THE PHONE

A call center is also available to assist Calvert County residents who wish to pre-register for the vaccination over the phone. For assistance, residents may call 410-535-0218, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Community Needs Assessment Published

The Calvert County Family Network (CCFN) has published its 2020 Community Needs Assessment for children, youth and families. The Community Needs Assessment is a review of local data and trends as they relate to Maryland's Eight Results for Child Wellbeing. It analyzes information on current problems, community strengths, available programs, services and resources. Findings from the Community Needs Assessment inform the CCFN Board of Directors in the strategic planning process and help determine funding to local programs and initiatives.

"This information is vital to the coordination of services for children, youth and families within the county," said Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland. "Whether it's through trainings, technological improvements, outreach campaigns or applying for grants, this data tells the Local Management Board where to invest resources." The 2020 Community Needs Assessment can be viewed online through the link below.

Calvert County Community Needs Assessment



Did you know that Calvert Marine Museum offers a variety of virtual field trips for elementary and middle school students? One of their offerings designed for students in grades 3 - 5, *Life on the Water: Maritime Heritage on the Chesapeake Bay,* explores a variety of jobs available to the men and women who lived in Southern Maryland during the late 19th century. Students will learn how these jobs were essential to the economy of Southern Maryland, what it takes to design a boat for each specific profession and how to have a successful season as a waterman harvesting oysters. This program is designed either to be used as a virtual field trip program or teacher-guided activities. For more information on their virtual field trip offerings, click on the link below.

Calvert Marine Museum's Virtual Field Trips



Looking for a way to challenge yourself?

Sign up for American Chestnut Land Trust's (ACLT) new hiking challenge: 12 Hikes in '21! Hike at ACLT every month in 2021 and enjoy great prizes as well as the benefits to your physical and mental health. Every time you visit ACLT's trails, scan the QR codes located at all trailheads to sign in to be sure your hike is counted. Register today and hit the trails!

Register for the 12 Hikes in '21 Challenge



Are you looking for ways to give back to your community? Every day, decisions made by Calvert County Government officials affect you. Now is a great time to get involved. The BOCC has established dozens of boards, commissions and committees that offer citizens the opportunity to actively participate in local government. These boards deal with health and welfare, social programs, environmental issues, agricultural preservations, economic development, tourism, architectural review, women's issues and more. Learn how you can get involved by clicking on the link below.

Find a Volunteer Opportunity



Are the winter doldrums setting in? Calvert County Tourism has compiled a list of attractions and outdoor spaces that are currently open and welcoming visitors. Click below for information about local restaurants, wineries, breweries, art galleries, shopping, tours, day spas, heritage trails, marinas, boat trips and lodging. Remember to check individual attraction websites for hours of operation and guidelines before heading out.

Open Attractions in Calvert County

Did you know the Calvert County 911 call center accepts text messages through text-to-911 service? This is especially useful for individuals who are hard-of-hearing or speech impaired, those who find themselves in a situation where placing a voice call could put them in danger and others who are unable to speak due to a medical emergency.



To send a text message to 911, enter 911 in the "To" line of a new text message. Begin the message with the location of the emergency and the type of help needed – police, fire or emergency medical services. Citizens are urged to place a voice call to 911 if possible and text if they cannot.

Safe Nights provides winter protection for Calvert County's homeless population by offering shelter in a clean and safe environment. The host shelter provides a warm bed and breakfast, a bag of lunch and dinner. Shelter hours are from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week until Feb. 28. A one-time, in-person registration is required each season and walk-ins will not be accepted. Call Safe Nights of Calvert County at 443-486-8670 for more information.





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Calvert County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding our county's response to COVID-19 including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures through a <u>virtual resource center</u>. You can also receive updates on the <u>county's Facebook page</u> and Comcast Channel 6/1070 HD.

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